



**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
**METAL TRADES SITE**  
**1905 Pittsburg Avenue**  
**Charleston, South Carolina.**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announces a 30-day period for citizens to comment on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract for the Metal Trades Site. The contract, **VCC-05-5622-NRP**, will be between “Shipyard Creek Holdings, LLC” and DHEC. The contract will allow “Shipyard Creek Holdings, LLC” to purchase the property as a Brownfields site, which may have environmental pollution resulting from past practices. “Shipyard Creek Holdings, LLC” did not create the pollution, but wishes to buy the property and voluntarily clean it up for reuse. If this contract is implemented, DHEC will not hold “Shipyard Creek Holdings, LLC” liable under State Superfund laws for pre-existing contamination in exchange for performing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Program. If contamination has spread off of the property, State law will not allow affected parties to file suit against “Shipyard Creek Holdings, LLC” for the past operations; however, legal action may be pursued against any former owners or operators.

The Brownfields site being purchased by “Shipyard Creek Holdings, LLC” consists of 17.94 acres, identified by tax map # 466-00-00-008, on the west bank of Shipyard Creek between Pittsburgh Avenue and Cherry Hill Lane. Most recently, the property has been used by Metal Trades, Inc. for storage and as a ship repair yard, but has been used by various other industries for over one hundred years. In the late 1800’s, the property was used for phosphate fertilizer manufacturing and creosoting activities. Environmental contamination with metals and petroleum by-products has been detected on the property as a result of years of industrial use.

“Shipyard Creek Holdings, LLC” intends to redevelop the property into a marine industrial park with strict environmental controls to prevent future releases from ship-repair activities. Due to the environmental pollution at the site, “Shipyard Creek Holdings, LLC” wishes to enter into a contract under DHEC’s Voluntary Cleanup Program. Under the proposed contract, “Shipyard Creek Holdings, LLC” will test samples of soil, groundwater, and wetland sediments. If contamination is found, “Shipyard Creek Holdings, LLC” will address contaminated soil to meet industrial standards and may be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment based on the laboratory findings. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/lwm/html/public.asp>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

DHEC promotes redevelopment and revitalization of Brownfields sites across the state so that these properties do not remain idle or become abandoned. Public comments on proposed Brownfields contracts assist DHEC in balancing the environmental and redevelopment issues in the best interest of the state. Any comments or questions may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manager, email [overcajc@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:overcajc@dhec.sc.gov), telephone (803) 896- 4019, or Craig Dukes, Brownfields Public Information Coordinator, email [dukescv@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:dukescv@dhec.sc.gov), TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432, both at SCDHEC – Bureau of Land and Waste Management, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC

29201. Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the Metal Trades Site proposed VCC contract until January 10, 2006.